

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A hand tool comprising:
 - (a) a frame having a distal portion and a proximal portion, said proximal portion having at least one proximal end;
 - (b) a working element operably coupled to a distal end of said distal portion, said working element having a working portion that is oriented along a first direction with respect to said frame;
 - (c) a handle means pivotally coupled to said frame at a portion thereof intermediate said proximal end and said distal end; and
 - (d) a brace means operably coupled to said proximal end of said frame, said brace means being configured to operably brace against an upper side of a user's forearm while the user operably grasps said handle means.
- 20 2. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said proximal portion of said frame diverges from said intermediate portion into two spaced apart and substantially parallelly disposed proximal members.
- 25 3. A hand tool as in Claim 2 wherein said brace means extends between said proximal members.
4. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said brace means is fabricated from a resilient material.
- 30 5. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said working element is removably secured to said frame.

6. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said handle means includes a coupling means for pivoting and locking engagement with said intermediate portion of said frame,
5 said coupling means having one or more pivoting engagement receptacles and one or more locking engagement receptacles integrally formed therewith.

7. A hand tool as in Claim 6 wherein said coupling means is configured to lockingly engage to said frame such that said handle means is operably and detachably fixed in an orientation along a second direction with respect to said frame, which second direction is substantially opposed to said first direction.

15 8. A hand tool as in Claim 1 wherein said handle means is removably securable to said frame.